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Message from the President of ATE-K

Thanks for checking out this edition of the *Advocate*. As you all know, being an educator is a process. We are never quite a finished product. However we can and do get better. Reading the *Advocate* can help as colleagues share the latest findings in their research, "how to" and "best practice" things that have worked in their classrooms, and innovative ideas that help students learn. Please consider sharing your expertise by submitting an article to the *Advocate* and/or by putting in a proposal to present at a future ATE-K conference. More information about the *Advocate* and the Kansas Association of Teacher Educators (ATE-K) can be found at our new website: <http://atekan.org/>

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Message from the Editor of the ADVOCATE

It has been a privilege to edit yet another edition of the ADVOCATE. Colleagues and friends have responded to our call. (see atekan.org) We are fortunate to get folks to share what they have learned through research and reflection about education, mainly Teacher Education.

We lost a good friend last spring when **Dr. Don Cook** passed away in Topeka. Don was our Executive Director for a number of years and contributed his time and energy to the *ADVOCATE* by doing research at Washburn and writing book reviews for our journal. He loved kids and was a great mentor for college students planning to teach. This issue is dedicated to Don and what he meant to all of us.

H. Bruce Quantic, Ed.D.
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